

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any of the original unamended claims presented in this application at a later date in one or more continuing applications.

1-7. (canceled).

8-9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended) A method of tracking turbine components, comprising:  
marking a plurality of turbine components with indicia applied to a surface of the  
components;  
placing the marked turbine components in a plurality of turbines;  
operating the turbines;  
obtaining operation data from the turbines via at least one turbine control system;  
uploading the operation data from the turbine control systems to a central processing  
station; and  
using the uploaded data at the central processing station to track desired aspects of the  
marked turbine components~~The method of claim 8, wherein the marking identifies a material~~  
composition from which at least a portion of the turbine component was manufactured.

11. A method of tracking turbine components, comprising:  
marking a plurality of turbine components with indicia applied to a surface of the  
components;  
placing the marked turbine components in a plurality of turbines;  
operating the turbines;  
obtaining operation data from the turbines via at least one turbine control system;  
uploading the operation data from the turbine control systems to a central processing  
station; and  
using the uploaded data at the central processing station to track desired aspects of the  
marked turbine components~~The method of claim 8,~~ wherein the marking identifies a  
manufacturing step from which at least a portion of the turbine component was manufactured.

12-27. (canceled).

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